



Hon. Marcel Pratt
Marion Superior Court
Traffic Court G13

**Information on your Traffic Court Bench Trial for Infractions or
Ordinance Violations Effective October 1, 2020**

Beginning October 1, 2020, Traffic Court will begin to conduct Bench Trials for **Infractions** or **Ordinance Violations** REMOTELY by Video or Telephone, pursuant to the Indiana Supreme Court's Emergency Order Permitting Expanded Remote Proceedings (20S-CB-123 dated May 13, 2020), Order Setting Expiration of Other Emergency Orders (dated May 29, 2020), and Indiana Administrative Rule 14(B)(1).

Traffic Court remains closed to any in-person hearing. DO NOT APPEAR AT TRAFFIC COURT. If you have been charged with a misdemeanor offense, any bench trial will automatically be continued by the Court and reset for after January 1, 2021.

Remote Bench Trials will occur on the date and time listed for your case, which can be found at public.courts.in.gov/mycase. A remote trial means that the Judge, the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, You (the Defendant), and the Officer(s) appear remotely to conduct a trial proceeding. First, the Judge will swear all witnesses in. Second, the State may present the testimony of the officer(s), and you will be given an opportunity to cross-examine the officer(s). Third, you will be given an opportunity to present evidence and testimony to the Court. Finally, the Court will render judgment.

If you **consent (or agree)** to your Bench Trial for an Infraction or Ordinance Violation being conducted remotely by phone or video, go to this webpage to submit a webform with your contact information: <https://forms.gle/XKoLnpGkHAh1AeGj8>. The Friday before your scheduled Bench Trial, Court staff will send you information by e-mail on how you will join by phone or video.

If you **object** to your Bench Trial for an Infraction or Ordinance Violation being conducted remotely by phone or video, please notify Traffic Court as soon as possible but at least three business days prior to the date of your scheduled Bench Trial. Please e-mail: MCOURTS-G13@indy.gov. Please be aware that your case will be continued and reset for an available date in 2021.

Failure to respond with your consent or objection to remote participation may result in a default judgment being entered in this case and/or the suspension of your driver's license.